(b) Two aircraft of Indian Airlines which are over 20 years old are not being used for scheduled commercial services. Indian Airlines has acquired 6 A-320 aircraft in 1993.

(c) The loss incurred by Indian Airlines during the last three years is as under :—

Years	Loss (After Tax Rs. in Crores)
1990-91	64.59
1991-92	198.85
1992-93	195.16

Privatising the construction and maintenance of airports

1936. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a policy decision to allow private parties in the field of construction and maintenance of airports;

(b) if so, how many such proposals have been received by Government; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) To finance construction of a new airport at Cochin and upgradation of the air port at Calicut. The Government of Kerala have taken the initiative of setting Societies to mobilise funds from the public including Non-Resident Indians.

Criteria for grant of accident leave for Employees working in AI

1937. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India is granting accident leave to its employees;

(b) if so, what are the criteria for such leave and who is the Competent Authority to grant such leave; and

(c) in how many cases accident leave has been granted by Air India during the years 1990, 1991 and 1993; department-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) In Air India it is termed as disability leave and is granted to employees in accordance with the following criteria contained in regulation No. 26 of Air India Employees' Service Regulations :—

(i) An employee who is injured in and during the course of his employment, or who contacts any of the occupational diseases enumerated in Schedule III to the Workmen's Compensation Act, and is thereby temporarily disabled may, on production of a medical certificate acceptable to the competent authority, be granted disability leave with pay not exceeding 120 days except in cases of employees who are covered by the agreements with the appropriate Unions/Associations providing for grant of leave in excess of this limit. Such leave may also be granted in the event of an injury sustained by an employee while actually participating any sports event as representative of the Corporation.

(ii) The grant of this leave is subject to the following conditions :—

(a) The accident or disease was not due to the employee's own negligence or default; and

(b) he obeys all instructions as to treatment given by the Corporation's medical officer.

Heads of Departments, Divisions and Sections are competent to grant such leave to employees under their respective jurisdiction.

(c) A statement is annexed.